

The mission of the Frances Haddon Morgan Center is to provide individualized services and supports for people with autism and related developmental disabilities to promote their growth, independence and self-determination.

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is treatable**



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Philosophy

- ❑ We promote a quality of life for people who live at FHMC
- ❑ We promote a full range of human rights
- ❑ Each individual deserves the highest quality of services and the best skills available
- ❑ Positive attention and support are the basis for all programs and services offered
- ❑ A variety of philosophies, theories, therapies, and technologies are respected and integrated in our supports
- ❑ Everyone is a contributing team member and advocate

Autism

- ❑ Typically appears during the first three years of life
- ❑ Is a neurological disorder, usually with lifelong effects
- ❑ Occurs in about one of every 500 children
- ❑ Is four times more common in boys than girls
- ❑ Occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups
- ❑ In the majority of cases, no specific underlying cause can be identified. However, a variety of factors are being investigated. These include infectious, metabolic, genetic, and environmental factors.
- ❑ Autism is treatable – early diagnosis and intervention are vital to the future development of the child

Services and Supports

- ❑ Residential support for 56 adolescents and adults
- ❑ State-wide referrals
- ❑ Individual planning and programs
- ❑ Health services
- ❑ Professional support
- ❑ School District program
- ❑ Employment program
- ❑ Staff development

Volunteers

- ❑ Recreational activities
- ❑ Educational programs
- ❑ Spiritual support
- ❑ Friendships
- ❑ Advocacy

Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Department of Social and Health Services that no person shall be subjected to discrimination in this agency or its contractors because of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, creed, marital status, disabled or Vietnam Era Veteran status, or the presence of any physical, mental, or sensory handicap.



The mission of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is to endeavor to make a positive difference in the lives of people eligible for services, through offering quality supports and services that are: individual/family driven; stable and flexible; satisfying to the person and their family; and able to meet individual needs. Supports and services shall be offered in ways that ensure people have the necessary information to make decisions about their options and provide optimum opportunities for success.

**Visit the DDD
Internet website at:**

<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/index.shtml>

**for resource links on autism
and autism research**

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